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REPUBLICAN ASSURANCE

The platform of resolutions put forth by the State Republican Convention at Excelsior Springs last Thursday would be a curiosity in its way but for the effulgence of its stereotyped phrases and revamped accusations of delinquencies, which have done service so long and so often that they are as threadbare as they are unconvincing. It is as plethoric of intangible changes as it is lean of facts and reckless of truth. Its universal condemnation of the Democratic State Administration is divested of all force by a bald failure to focus specific instances of dereliction, inefficiency or faithlessness.

There may be some things in the present State administration that merit criticism, there may have been some things done that could have been done better, but of what administration of public affairs might not this be said? There is nothing human that is infallible. Yet this in all justice may be said, that every department of the State has been efficiently, honestly and faithfully administered—the State Secretary's, the Auditor's, the Treasurer's—not one of which but makes a more favorable showing than the same departments in any past administration, which no doubt is partly due to enlarged business conditions and opportunities. But this fact stands out clear and strong, they bear the stamp of honesty, efficiency and faithfulness.

The resolutions try to be blisteringly severe on Governor Major, but specific and convincing evidence of his sinning against the people and their interests is woefully lacking. Governor Major may have made mistakes. We concede the fact, for he is a very human man. But he certainly guarded the State, in the only way that the Constitution gives him authority, against bankruptcy by cutting down injudicious overappropriations of the public revenue, and fostered the State's credit. He may have made some injudicious appointments, but in attempting to criticize his appointments of Election Commissioners in the larger cities, the convention hurled a boomerang that, true to its characteristic in ignorant, unskillful hands, hurtled about and struck the propellers square in the face. They essayed to compare the supervision of the election of the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners under Governor Major with that of Governor Hadley's appointees.

The very next day after the promulgation of that remarkable string of resolutions, the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners came, out with a stinging reply, signed and approved by its Republican and Progressive members as well as by the Democratic members of the Board, showing by specific facts and evidence produced in contested election cases in Congress, that the elections supervised by the Hadley commissioners were the most notoriously corrupt and fraudulent ever held in that city; while under the Major commissioners in no contested election case was fraud or irregularity shown. And Henry Kortjohn, Chairman of the Hadley Board of Election Commissioners, was a member of the committee that spawned the Excelsior Springs Convention resolutions.

Like this, every other indictment made against the Democracy in these resolutions is as flimsy and little worthy of common credence. The Hadley administration is held up as the perfection of Republican endeavor in this State, which is certainly poor inducement to the people to turn the State government over to Republican management again.

The State Republican Convention at Excelsior Springs last Thursday honored the Republicans of St. Francois county by making former Congressman Politte Elvins permanent Chair-

man of that body. Politte is a young man, but has risen rapidly in the councils of the Republican party in this State since "Uncle Joe" Cannon first took him under his protecting wing in Congress, and is one of the most active of that party's young leaders. He generally gets what he goes after, and succeeded in placing his friend, Carr Hartshorn, of Elvins, on the committee on Resolutions. Politte is a Standpatter among Standpats, his politics being his worst feature, but he is a live wire and a courteous young man personally.

PLACING MR. HENSLEY RIGHT

Mr. A. W. Bradshaw, Farmington, Mo.
Dear Mr. Bradshaw:
I have had in mind writing you for several weeks but my duties were such, having hearings both in the morning and in the afternoon on the naval bill, that somehow I have failed to get to it before this.

Your paper a few weeks ago made mention of the fact that upon a vote had in Congress on February 28th, proposing to increase the parcel post pound limit from 50 to 100 pounds, as Congress defeated Mr. Lewis' proposed amendment it meant that the express companies owned more members of Congress than did the people.

Now I do not write this in the spirit of criticism at all for I know that you, too, are busy and lots of times cannot look up the record on these matters to ascertain how members vote, but upon this proposition my views were very largely as you expressed it in your paper and therefore voted with Mr. Lewis for the increase which puts me, as I view it, on the side of the people rather than in the class owned by the express companies. I am just simply writing you so that if you were of the opinion that I was one of the Representatives who voted the other way, that this may serve to correct that impression. It struck me when I read this that possibly some of your many readers might, after reading it, construe it to mean a criticism of the members who voted wrong on the proposition, of which I was one since I was not excepted, though I may be mistaken about this, and you can do as you deem proper with the assurance that it is entirely satisfactory with me.

I desire to congratulate you upon the wonderful improvement in the paper since you took charge of it.

Yours truly,

W. L. HENSLEY.

The article to which Mr. Hensley refers was a clipping under the caption of "Crippling the Parcel Post," which said that the House had voted down a proposition to increase the limit of parcel post packages from 50 to 100 pounds, and further remarked that "Congressman Lewis, who is the father of the parcel post, fought the express companies with all his power, but it seems that the express companies own more members of Congress and the Senate than the people do." The article did not give the vote of the House on the proposition nor how any individual member except Mr. Lewis stood.

We published the clipping merely as a matter of news, never imagining that anyone might draw a sinister inference against any individual member of Congress from the sentence quoted; and especially that no such inference could be deduced that our own Congressman belonged to the class to which the criticism applied. No one who has watched Mr. Hensley's record in Congress would ever place him in a class that favored any corporation against the interests of the people. If anyone has entertained a different view, we are glad to say Mr. Hensley's vote was cast for Mr. Lewis' bill to increase the parcel post limit to 100 pounds, which may be verified by the record.

A POPULAR CANDIDATE

Since the recent announcement of Prof. G. W. Moothart for the Democratic nomination for State Representative, he has been receiving much added encouragement from prominent party men throughout St. Francois county. These men argue that Prof. Moothart is pre-eminently the man for the place, that he would add strength to the Democratic ticket in all parts of the county, and that there is perhaps not another man within the confines of the county who is so perfectly equipped for rendering to the people such splendid service in the

State Legislature as he is. He not only knows and understands the needs of this people, but his wide business experience will also direct him in the best manner of securing needed legislation.

Another element in his favor, is the large number of graduates his business colleges have been turning out for years past, many of whom are residents of this county, and practically everyone of whom will do everything in their power to bring about his election, as each and everyone who has been a student under him still retains the highest esteem for him. While the making of this race will necessitate a considerable sacrifice for Prof. Moothart, as it did before, when he was defeated in the landslide by only a few votes, he has consented to again submit his name for this place by reason of incessant importuning of friends, supplemented with the conviction of the good that he can accomplish for the people in the legislative halls. His many friends feel that he should have no opposition for this nomination.

MR. ROBB ENTERS THE RACE FOR CONGRESS

Hon. Edward Robb of Perryville has decided to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in this (the Thirteenth) district, as may be seen by his announcement in The Times this week. At a political convention of Democrats in his home town several weeks ago, he was urgently pressed to make this race, but did not decide to do so at once. He wanted to feel of the district to see if there was a sentiment among the Democrats in favor of a change at this time. He received so much encouragement in a trip over the district from former supporters as well as many others whom he met, that he returned home with the impression that he would not only be justified but that there was a pronounced call for him to enter the race.

Ten years' experience in Congress, working in some of the most important committees of the House, and with a close attention to everything pertaining to national affairs and his own district, he gained an experience that would enable him, were he returned to Congress, to take hold of the work at once. His record as a Democrat and as a representative of the people and of every interest of this district is clear, straight, and wholesome. He is a lawyer of unquestionable ability and success, and there is no man in the district perhaps who stands higher in the estimation of his home people.

Mr. Robb is a strong administration man and is taken President Wilson in the firm stand taken by him in dealing with the many difficult and delicate international disputes growing out of the European war, as well as being heartily in favor of the President's preparedness policy, and is ready to uphold and defend his administration at all points. He expects to appeal to the people along these lines and will make a strong canvass, in which he solicits and hopes to receive their cordial support.

BRADLEY RESIGNS AS LABOR DEPUTY

Jefferson City, Mo., April 8.—The resignation of John L. Bradley of Desloge, Mo., as Deputy State Labor Commissioner was tendered to Gov. Major today. It was accepted as effective May 1. The Governor will not announce the appointment of a successor to Bradley for some time.

Bradley resigned to enter upon his campaign for the Democratic nomination for State Auditor. He said he could not retain the place and be consistent with the platform promulgated in the formal announcement of his candidacy in which he said that if elected Auditor he would not approve a single warrant against the State unless there is adequate service rendered.

"I feel that while I am campaigning for the State for one office I have no right to hold another and render no service for the salary paid by the State, hence I am going to step down and out."

"In fact, I believe I have no right, moral or otherwise, to retain a death grip on one public post while reaching out for a hold on another, therefore, I am going to quit. I'll take my chances seeking the nomination as a private citizen."

Bradley was a candidate for the nomination for State Auditor in 1908 and came within 1,100 votes of being nominated.

APPEAL FOR AID

The Citizens' Relief Committee of Maplewood, Mo., have sent out an appeal for help for those who were rendered destitute by the terrific dynamite explosion that occurred there February 28th. The appeal says there is a condition of want and suffering among many of the victims of the explosion that demands immediate relief, and asks all charitably disposed

persons to send at once whatever they feel disposed to give, to Charles Stewart, Treasurer of the Relief Committee, Maplewood, Mo.

The resolutions adopted by the Republican State Convention at Excelsior Springs last week begin: "We, the Republicans of Missouri, in State Convention assembled, meeting in a spirit of pride and satisfaction—Good Scriptural authority tells us that 'Pride goeth before a fall.'"

At the municipal election in Poplar Bluff last week the judges of election conducted a little by-election to give the legal voters of that city an opportunity to express themselves on woman suffrage. Most of the voters availed themselves of the privilege, and the anti-suffrage polled a slim majority. The Citizen-Democrat says that all the negroes voted against woman suffrage, but a majority of the white voters favored the proposition, which shows the popular feeling of the more intelligent and thinking class. Woman suffrage sentiment is growing.

POSTPONED DEBATE TO BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK

The inter-society debate, the third of the series, between representatives of the Farmington Literary Society and the Flat River Literary Society, will be given next Friday night, April 21st, at the High School Auditorium in Farmington.

This debate was postponed upon a former occasion, owing to the death of a relative of one of the debaters and is being now given upon the first available regular date of the Literary Society.

The debaters are Rev. Carmichael and President Hughes, of the Flat River Society, and Prof. Johns and President Morsey of the Farmington Society. The question is a timely and interesting one, substantially as follows: "Resolved that the U. S. should warn its citizens against taking passage upon armed ships of belligerent nations, and absolve itself from responsibility for those taking passage upon such ships."

In addition to the debate, Laurence Smith has kindly consented to have his High School Orchestra render a few selections again, and there will also be one or two other musical numbers included with this program.

Bad weather kept many away from the last meeting of the Society on last Friday night, but those who attended were given a treat of a rare kind, and the thunderous applause which each number brought forth attested the fact that it is seldom indeed those who attend the Society's meetings get to hear a performance like this.

For the next meeting, on April 21, those who give their time and effort for this educational enterprise, continue to hope that the public will turn out and show that its appreciation is not wholly dead.

OZARK BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES

Miss Lydia Hinze and John Govro successfully passed their first short hand test in President Moothart's office last week, while those passing their first test in Miss Lawrence's department were Ferd Kertz, Zack Jennings, Irvin Eaton, Shelley Logadon, William O'Sullivan, Carroll Phillips and Minnie Roux. Those passing their second tests in Miss Lawrence's department were Lionel Rehkop, Clyde McClintock, Mamie Wheeler and Frankie Hamilton. In the second theory test given by Miss Lawrence, Miss Anna Hill and Roy Coffman were the honored students of the class.

Recently Misses Effie Lawrence, Mamie Wheeler and Caroline Saling prepared a shorthand test of a competitive nature, sending their work to the Gregg Publishing Co., New York City. These young women are proud of the elegant certificates they have just received, making them honored members of the Order of Gregg Shorthand Artists. This is indeed a compliment and the young women have a right to feel duly elated over their successful passing of the test. Some of the other students are planning to take the test in the near future.

Prof. Kinder, accompanied by Cloud Cole, autographed to Mr. Fraser's home,

beyond Libertyville, last Tuesday, for the purpose of soliciting the patronage of one of Mr. Fraser's sons.

The new board of directors of the Ozark Business College Company met in the office of the College last Saturday evening and organization was duly effected for the year. G. W. Moothart was elected President and Treasurer, with L. F. Kinder, Vice President and Secretary. The board discussed in general different features and plans for the betterment of the various interests of the school and we now expect one of the largest enrollments next year the school has ever had. The board members present were Messrs. Moothart, Kinder, Benham, Weber, Porter and Revoir, Taylor Smith being the only one absent, he having sent in a valid excuse.

MEETING OF ST. FRANCOIS CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At the meeting of the St. Francois County Sunday School Association at Flat River Sunday afternoon a plan was adopted which should result in boosting the attendance of all the 52 Sunday Schools in the county. Weekly reports will be secured from all the schools during May and June. These will be published in all the county papers, showing the total number in each school, and each town, also the total in the county.

This should stimulate school and community pride and result in a marked increase in Sunday School attendance. One feature of these reports will be the per cent of scholars enrolled who attend, also per cent of teaching force in attendance and on time. The annual County Convention will meet at Bismarck June 21 and 22. This campaign should insure this convention being the banner one for this county. There are now nearly 6000 people on the Sunday School rolls of the county, not including the cradle rolls or the home departments. The men of the county are especially urged to take their entire families to Sunday School. "Where Men Go, the Boys Will Follow." If you believe in Sunday School then be in the school of your choice next Sunday. The lesson is Acts 10: 24-33; 44-48. Study it and go.

In January a campaign was started in Kansas City for men in Sunday School. 5,000 was the goal. On last Sunday there were 11,000 men attending Sunday School and the goal was raised to 15,000. This is a part of the preparedness for the coming of Billy Sunday to Kansas City. Let the men of Farmington make as good a record.

HORSE STOLEN—THIEF CAUGHT

Last Friday night Mr. B. I. Morris' horse was stolen from his stable, with bridle, saddle, and an overcoat that was strapped to the saddle. Deputy Sheriff T. V. Brown commenced to operate the 'phone about 7 o'clock Saturday morning and by 9 o'clock had his man and horse located and in the hands of an officer at Ste. Genevieve. The man proved to be Dewey Morris, a young man about 18 or 19 years old, and a grandson of Mr. Morris. He is now in jail here awaiting the outcome of his escapade when Circuit Court convenes in May.

Announcements

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of the following for nomination for the office and by the party named at the General Primary to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 1916:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

For Congress:
EDWARD ROBB,
of Perryville.

For Representative:
G. W. MOOTHART.

For Sheriff:
M. A. PATTERSON.
C. J. SUTTON.
B. A. EATON,
of Flat River.

For County Treasurer:
W. T. HAILE.
H. W. COFFIELD.

For County Recorder:
C. E. PORTER.
THOS. V. BROWN.
J. H. (JOHN) CLAY.
J. A. LAWRENCE.

For County Assessor:
LAWRENCE O. WELLS.

For County Judge First District:

W. A. MITCHELL.
W. J. HOBBS
of Bonne Terre.

LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle receipts 3300. Steer trade slow and about steady with yesterday's decline, but 10c to 15c lower than last week's close.

Butcher stuff: Receipts of butcher stuff and canner grades continue light. Market active and steady with yesterday or last week's high time.

Calves: More action to this trade than in some items. Values unevenly higher. Top veal calves around \$10.50.

Sheep receipts 1500. Lambs sold readily at 25c higher prices today, best woolled lambs selling up to \$11.75; clipped lambs at \$10.10, and best fat sheep at \$8.75 to \$9.00.

Hog receipts 10,000. Trade opened steady, though one car of fancy heavy hogs sold at \$9.80. Bulk of the good hogs 150 pounds and up sold at \$9.40 to \$9.75; pigs 120 to 140 pounds at \$8.75 to \$9.40; lighter pigs \$7 to \$8.75 with rough hogs at \$8.75 to \$9. Packers had 500 direct.

National Live Stock Com. Co.

Taft was cheered and Roosevelt hissed in the State Republican Convention at Excelsior Springs last Thursday. That doesn't look as if the Elephant and the Bull Moose would ever much provender out of the same rack, but then the proverb that "politics makes strange bedfellows" may hold good in spite of such emotionalism.

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